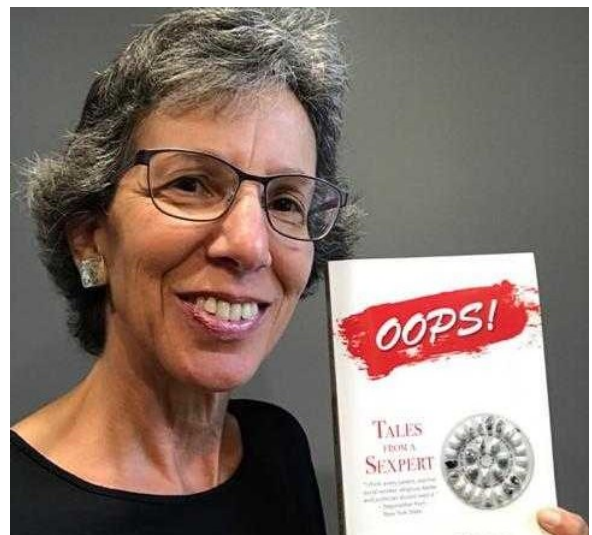
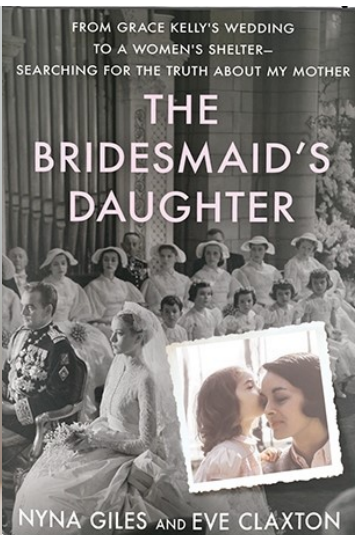
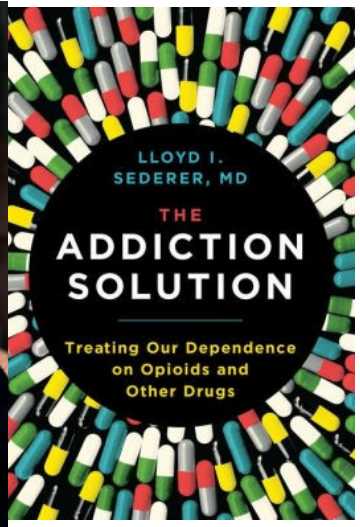
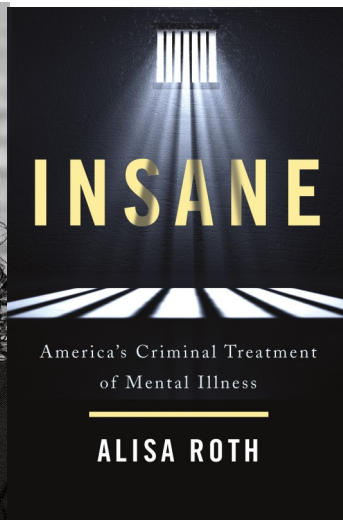
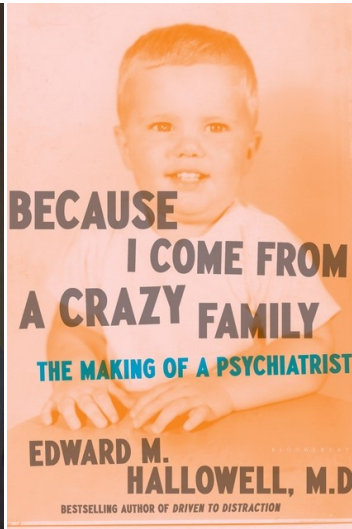


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New at this year's Education Conference is the inclusion of featured author sessions. These sessions will allow attendees to hear from and ask questions to authors who are exploring various aspects of mental health. The author's books will be on sale onsite and each session will conclude with book signings.

Nyna Giles Fri., Oct. 26-9:30am

Nyna's book, *The Bridesmaid's Daughter: From Grace Kelly's Wedding to a Women's Shelter - Searching for the Truth About My Mother*, recounts her moving search to understand her mother, Carolyn Scott—once a bridesmaid to Princess Grace and one of the first Ford models—who later in life spent years living in a homeless shelter. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Edward Hallowell Sat., Oct. 27-11:30am

This special session will allow attendees to get to know the remarkable story of 2018 NAMI-NYS Leader of Mental Health Awareness Award winner, renowned ADHD expert and best-selling author, Dr. Edward (Ned) Hallowell

Ned's new memoir, *Because I Come from a Crazy Family: The Making of a Psychiatrist* recounts how at eleven years old a voice out of nowhere told him he should become a psychiatrist. A mental health professional of the time would have called this psychosis. But young Ned took it in stride, despite not quite knowing what "psychiatrist" meant. With a psychotic father, alcoholic mother, abusive stepfather, and two so-called learning disabilities of his own, Ned was accustomed to unpredictable behavior from those around him, and to a mind he felt he couldn't always control. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Vivian Peters Sat., Oct. 27-4:00pm

Take a journey with Vivian Peters and her book *Oops Tales of a Sexpert*. As an Outreach Educator for her local Planned Parenthood, she spent fifteen years providing sexual health education—and so much more—to people in rural poverty, where generational teen parenting and large families are the norm.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Alisa Roth Fri., Oct. 26-5:15pm

Alisa Roth is the recipient of the 2018 NAMI-NYS Media Award. Alisa's powerful new book, *Insane: America's Criminal Treatment of Mental Illness*, goes deep inside the criminal justice system to reveal how America's tough-on-crime policies have transformed it into a warehouse for people with mental illness. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Xavier Amador Sat., Oct. 27-12:45pm

Dr. Amador's landmark book, *I Am Not Sick, I Don't Need Help! How to Help Someone with Mental Illness Accept Treatment*, has been an invaluable resource for many families, desperate to help guide loved ones towards the road to recovery.

The book has long been revered as filling a necessary void in understanding about mental illness. The book explains why so many people with serious mental illness are in "denial" and refuse treatment. Whether you are a health care professional, family member, friend or law enforcement professional, you will learn how to build trust and succeed at helping someone with mental illness to accept treatment and services. Before hearing Dr. Amador's lunchtime presentation get a copy of the book and have it signed. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Lloyd Sederer Sun, Oct. 26-10:15am

Dr. Sederer's annual Town Hall session is always a highlight for attendees. This year's session will explore issues around dual diagnosis as he details his new book *The Addiction Solution*. Written with warmth, accessibility, and vast authority, the book is a practical guide through the world of drug use and abuse and addiction treatment. Dr. Sederer will sign copies following the session. [Click here](#) to learn more.